COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

(check one applicable item below)

| | [] | original. design. supplemental. | | |
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| NOTE: | If the declaration is for an International Application being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application, do <u>not</u> check next item; check appropriate one of last three items. | | | |
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| NOTE: | | f the following 3 items apply, then complete and also attach ADDED PAGES FOR DIVISIONAL, UATION OR C-1-P. | | |
| NOTE: | E: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d) (continued prosecution application) for use of a prior nonprovisional application declar in the continuation or divisional application being filed on behalf of the same or jewer of the inventors named prior application. | | | |
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| NOTE: | Where an application discloses and claims subject matter not disclosed in the prior application, or a continuation or divisional application names an inventor not named in the prior application, a continuation-in-part application must be filed under 37 C.F.R. § $1.53(b)$ (application filing requirements-nonprovisional application). | | | |
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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

WARNING:

If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims, an expianation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which:

| | (complete (a), (b), or (c)) | | | |
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| (a) | [] | is attached hereto. | | |
| NOTE: | with a s | llowing combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed on the application filing date pecification are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the low will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.63: | | |
| | declarai | "(1) name of inventoris), and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or tion at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration on filing; | | |
| | | "(2) name of inventor(s), and attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed; or | | |
| | | "(3) name of inventoris), and title which was on the specification as filed." | | |
| | | Notice of July 13, 1995 (1177 O.G. 60). | | |
| (b) | [] | was filed on, as [] Application No. 0 / or [] and was amended on (if applicable) | | |

- NOTE: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO that contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.67.
- NOTE: "The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed after the filing date are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.63:
 - "(1) name of inventor's), and application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number; e.g., 08/123, 456);
 - "(2) name of inventor(s), serial number and filing date:
 - "(3) name of inventoris) and attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;
 - "(4) name of inventor(5), title which was on the specification as filed and filing date;
 - "(5) name of inventoris), title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or
 - "(6) name of inventor's), title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number: e.g., 08/123.456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration."

Notice of July 13, 1995 (1177 O.G. 60), M.P.E.P. § 601(a), 6th ed., rev.3.

| (c) | [] | was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. ES00/00195 filed on June 1, 2000 |
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| | | and as amended under PCT Article 19 on (if any). |
| | | SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.67(b)) |
| | | (complete the following where a supplemental declaration is being submitted) |
| | [] | I hereby declare that the subject matter of the |
| | | [] attached amendment [] amendment filed on |
| | - | art of my/our invention and was invented before the filing date of the original application, identified, for such invention. |
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| s peci f | | by state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified noluding the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. |
| 37, Co | | owledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in deral Regulations, § 1.56, |
| | | (also check the following items, if desired) |
| | [] | and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and |
| | | [] in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. |

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d))

NOTE: "The claim to priority need be in no special form and may be made by the attorney or agent if the foreign application is referred to in the oath or declaration as required by § 1.63. The claim for priority and the certified copy of the foreign application specified in 35 U.S.C. § 119(b) must be filed in the case of an interference (§ 1.630), when necessary to overcome the date of a reference relied upon by the examiner, when specifically required by the examiner, and in all other situations, before the patent is granted. If the claim for priority or the certified copy of the foreign application is filed after the date the issue fee is paid, it must be accompanied by a petition requesting entry and by the fee set forth in § 1.17(i). If the certified copy is not in the English language, a translation need not be filed except in the case of interference; or when necessary to overcome the date of a reference relied upon by the examiner; or when specifically required by the examiner, in which event an English language translation must be filed together with a statement that the translation of the certified copy is accurate." 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

| (d) | [] | no such applications have been filed. |
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| (e) | ſΊ | such applications have been filed as follows |

NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. itself claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)

| COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT) | APPLICATION NUMBER | DATE OF FILING DAY, MONTH, YEAR | PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119 |
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| PCT | ES00/00195 | June 1, 2000 | k]YES []NO |
| Spain | 9901294 | June 10, 1999 | [x]YES []NO |
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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S) (35 U.S.C. § 119(e))

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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| | CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120 |
| [] | The claim for the benefit of any such applications are set forth in the attached PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORN DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION. |
| ALL | FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), <i>IF ANY</i> , FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTE (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION |

NOTE: If the application filed more than 12 months from the filing date of this application is a PCT filing forming the basis for this application entering the United States as (1) the national stage, or (2) a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part, then also complete ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR C-I-P APPLICATION for benefit of the prior U.S. or PCT application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

(list name and registration number)

JOSEPH H. HANDELMAN, 26179
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(Check the following item, if applicable)

- [] I hereby appoint the practitioner(s) associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.
- [] Attached, as part of this declaration and power of attorney, is the authorization of the above-named practitioner(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO

DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO: (Name and telephone number)

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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Post Office Address __

SIGNATURE(S)

NOTE: Carefully indicate the family (or last) name, as it should appear on the filing receipt and all other document.

| NOTE: | Each inventor must be identified by full name, including the family name, and at least one given name without abbreviation together with any other given name or initial, and by his/her residence, post office address and country of citizenship. 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(a)(3). | | | |
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| NOTE: | 1.63(a)(3) requir | ecute separate declarations/oaths provided <u>each</u> declaration es that a declaration/oath, inter alia, identify each inventor as which each sets forth only the name of the executing to 7, | r and prohibits the execution of separate | |
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| [] | Signature for fourth and subsequent joint inventors. Number of pages added |
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| [] | Signature for inventor who refuses to sign or cannot be reached by person authorized under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47. Number of pages added |
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| [] | Added page for signature by one joint inventor on behalf of deceased inventor(s) where legal representative cannot be appointed in time. (37 C.F.R. § 1.47) |
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| [] | Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (C-I-P) application. |
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| [] | Authorization of practitioner(s) to accept and follow instructions from representative. |
| | (If no further pages form a part of this Declaration, then end this Declaration with this page and check the following item) |

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| that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern, as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both. | | | | | |
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III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DUTY TO NOTIFY PTO OF STATUS CHANGE

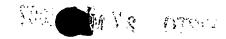
I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

IV. DECLARATION

(check the following item, if desired)

- NOTE: The following verification statement need not be made in accordance with the rules published on October 10, 1997, 62 Fed. Reg. 52131, effective December 1, 1997.
- NOTE: "The presentation to the Office (whether by signing, filing, submitting, or later advocating) of any paper by a party, whether a practitioner or non-practitioner, constitutes a certification under § 10.18(b) of this chapter. Violations of § 10.18(b)(2) of this chapter by a party, whether a practitioner or non-practitioner, may result in the imposition of sanctions under § 10.18(c) of this chapter. Any practitioner violating § 10.18(b) may also be subject to disciplinary action. See §§ 10.18(d) and 10.23(c)(15)." 37 CFR 1.4(d)(2).
- I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.





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